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C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 12509

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PDIP AR BL MX
SUBJECT: TENSIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND OTHER LATINS

REF: MEXICO 12326

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: UPON LEAVING THE INAUGURAL SESSION OF THE 24TH PAHO MEETING, BOTH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND FONSEC GARCIA ROBLES WERE ACCOSTED BY THE PRESS, ASKING ABOUT INTER-NATIONAL WIRE SERVICE REPORTS THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND ARGENTINA HAVE SOURED AND THAT THE RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN RECALLED. ECHEVERRIA STATED THAT THERE WAS "NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THAT THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR TO BUENOS AIRES WAS INDEED IN MEXICO BUT WOULD BE RETURNING TO ARGENTINA, THAT THERE HAS BEEN "NO OFFICIAL PROTEST BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT," AND " THE RIGHT OF POLITICAL ASYLUM WILL BE MAINTAINED." GARCIA ROBLES LIKEWISE STRESSED THAT THERE IS "NO OFFICIAL PROTEST" BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AND, ACCCODING TO THE PRESS, AVOIDED FURTHER COMMENT. ARGENTINE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH, MANUEL IRAN CAMPO, ALSO AT THE PAHO MEETING TOLD THE PRESS"AS OF SUNDAY WHEN I LEFT BUENOS AIRES, RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND MY COUNTRY WERE CORDIAL."
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END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. DESPITE THE ABOVE STATEMENTS,
THE DCM OF THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY HERE CONFIRMED THE REPORT
(REFTEL) THAT ARGENTINA IS INDEED UNOFFICIALLY EXPRESSING
ITS UNHAPPINESS WITH THE GOM'S ATTITUDES.

3. IN ADDITION, THE SAME SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT THE
BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO HAS RETURNED TO LA PAZ
"ON CONSULTATIONS" AND WILL MOST LIKELY STALL IN HIS
RETURN ALSO. FURTHERMORE, BOLIVIA IS NOT CONVINCED
RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND SOME OF ITS BROTHER
REPUBLICS WILL IMPROVE UNDER JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO SINCE
LOPEZ PORTILLO TOOK A TYPICAL ECHEVERRIA STANCE IN
OFFERING, ON BEHALF OF MEXICO, TO ACCEPT THE REMAINS
OF THE ASSASSINATED ORLANDO LETELIER.
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